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SUBJ: PROPOSED FY 1976 PL-480 RICE PROGRAM FOR INDIA

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- 1. PRESS REPORTS \$76 MILLION U.S. AID PROGRAM FOR INDIA HAS BEEN CANCELLED. ASSUME PROGRAM INCLUDES PROPOSED PL-480 RICE. WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION PRIOR ANY DISCUSSION WITH RTG.
- 2. THAILAND HOPES TO SELL 200,000 METRIC TONS OF RICE TO INDIA DURING CALENDAR YEAR 1976 AND NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BEEN UNDERWAY FOR SOME TIME. OBVIOUSLY, ANY UMR IN 100,000 METRIC TON RANGE WOULD BE CONSIDERED INADEQUATE BY RTG TO PROTECT THEIR POSSIBLE MARKET INTEREST. THE PROPOSED PL-480 PROGRAM OF 200,000 METRIC TONS WOULD BE GREETED WITH EXTREME DISPLEASURE BY RTG.
- 3. ASSUMING PROGRAM STILL ON TRACK, EMBASSY BELIEVES CONSULTATION WITH RTG WOULD BE AN IRRITANT IN PERIOD IMMEDIATELY PRIOR ELECTIONS, AND DISCLOSURE OF OUR INTENTIONS COULD EASILY LEAKTO PUBLIC AND BECOME CAMPAIGN ISSUE. WE WOULD URGE, THEREFORE, THAT ANY RICE PL-480 PROGRAM SHOULD BE DELAYED UNTIL AFTER APRIL 4.

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